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	AA	4,223,128	9-16-1980	George W. HALEK et al.			
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<b>LIST OF ADDITIONAL SUBMITTED DOCUMENTS</b>	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	APPLICATION NO.
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	AE	European Patent Office Action, mailed February 22, 2008 and issued in corresponding European Patent Application No. 04792166.		

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- References AA, AB and AG were cited in a European Search Report issued on February 22, 2008 in corresponding Europe Patent Application No. 04792166.
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